

Assembly Bill No. 1709

CHAPTER 456

An act to amend, repeal, and add Section 3031 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to wildlife.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1709, Frazier. Wildlife: hunting licenses.

Existing law requires every person who takes any bird or mammal to first obtain a license issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Existing law requires the department to issue a license, upon payment of a base fee of \$8.25, as adjusted, to a resident or nonresident who is under 16 years of age on July 1 of the licensing year for which he or she seeks a license. Existing law requires the department to issue a license to a resident of this state who is 16 years of age or older upon payment of a base fee of \$31.25, as adjusted, and to a nonresident who is 16 years of age or older upon payment of a base fee of \$108.50, as adjusted. Existing law requires the department to issue a 2-day license to a nonresident who is 16 years of age or older upon payment of a base fee of \$31.25, as adjusted.

This bill would instead require the department, beginning July 1, 2015, and until July 1, 2020, to issue a license, upon payment of a base fee of \$8.25, as adjusted, to a resident or nonresident who is under 18 years of age on July 1 of the licensing year for which he or she seeks a license. The bill would require the department, beginning July 1, 2015, and until July 1, 2020, to issue a 2-day license to a nonresident who is 18 years of age or older upon payment of a base fee of \$31.25, as adjusted.

Existing regulations provide that entry permits to specified lands operated by the department will be issued to persons 16 or 17 years of age in possession of a valid resident or nonresident hunting license and authorize those persons to hunt by themselves, but prohibit them from being accompanied by a person under 16 years of age.

This bill would codify those regulations.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3031 of the Fish and Game Code is amended to read:

3031. (a) A hunting license, granting the privilege to take birds and mammals, shall be issued to any of the following:

(1) A resident of this state, 18 years of age or older, upon the payment of a base fee of thirty-one dollars and twenty-five cents (\$31.25).

(2) A resident or nonresident, who is under 18 years of age on July 1 of the licensing year, upon the payment of a base fee of eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$8.25), regardless of whether that person applies before or after July 1 of that year. A license issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be known as a junior hunting license.

(3) A nonresident, 18 years of age or older, upon the payment of a base fee of one hundred eight dollars and fifty cents (\$108.50).

(4) A nonresident, 18 years of age or older, valid only for two consecutive days upon payment of the fee set forth in paragraph (1). A license issued pursuant to this paragraph is valid only for taking resident and migratory game birds, resident small game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, and nongame mammals, as defined in this code or in regulations adopted by the commission.

(5) A nonresident, valid for one day and only for the taking of domesticated game birds and pheasants while on the premises of a licensed game bird club, or for the taking of domesticated migratory game birds in areas licensed for shooting those birds, upon the payment of a base fee of fifteen dollars (\$15).

(b) The base fees specified in this section are applicable to the 2004 license year, and shall be adjusted annually thereafter pursuant to Section 713.

(c) The commission shall adjust the amount of the fees specified in subdivision (b), as necessary, to fully recover, but not exceed, all reasonable administrative and implementation costs of the department and the commission relating to those licenses.

(d) A person who is 16 or 17 years of age, is in possession of a valid junior hunting license, and is issued an entry permit pursuant to Section 551 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations may hunt in the area described in the entry permit unaccompanied by a person over 18 years of age but shall not be accompanied by a person under 16 years of age.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until July 1, 2020, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2021, deletes or extends that date.

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(e) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2020.

SEC. 3. This act shall become operative on July 1, 2015.